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FOLLOWING REPEAT BANGKOK 9507 ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
VIENTIANE DTD 24 MAY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 9507

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TH

SUBJECT: LAO MAP ASSETS

1. AS PRESENT SITUATION IN LAOS IS EVOLVING, WE FORESEE  
POTENTIAL PROBLEM CONCERNING LAO MAP ASSETS CURRENTLY OR  
POTENTIALLY IN THAILAND. THESE ASSETS FALL INTO TWO BROAD  
CATEGORIES:

A) AIRCRAFT ALREADY IN THAILAND AT UDORN, INCLUDING:

(1) TRAINING AIRCRAFT AT TLD

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(2) AIRCRAFT AT THAI AM UDORN FOR MAINTENANCE

AND REPAIR:

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(3) ATTRITION AIRCRAFT IN FLYABLE STORAGE AT THAI AM

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B) AIRCRAFT IN LAOS THAT MIGHT BE FLOWN TO THAILAND BY  
DEFECTING LAOTIAN AIR FORCE PILOTS.

C) AIRCRAFT ALREADY IN THAILAND (PARA 1A ABOVE) ARE BEING  
HELD IN PLACE FOR THE PRESENT.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE THAI ARE ALREADY IN A MAJOR  
DILEMMA AS RESULT OF PRESENCE IN THAILAND OF VIETNAMESE  
MASF ASSETS TO WHICH BOTH WE AND NEW REGIME IN SAIGON LAY  
CLAIM. THEY ARE ALSO EMBARRASSED BY THE PRESENCE HERE OF  
CAMBODIAN MAP ASSETS AS A POTENTIAL BONE OF CONTENTION OF  
THE SAME KIND. TO ADD LAOS TO THIS TROUBLESOME HEAP WOULD  
SURELY BE REGARDED AS BAD NEWS BY THE RTG. FOR OUR PART,  
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW WE COULD RETAIN LAO AIRCRAFT  
IF WE HOPE TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH VIENTIANE.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT: (A) IN ABSENCE OF CHANGE IN PRESENT  
U.S. POSTURE VIS-A-VIS PGNU, U.S. CONTINUE QUIETLY SITTING  
ON LAOTIAN ASSETS PRESENTLY AT TLD IN THAILAND, BUT NOT  
ACTIVELY OPPOSE THEIR BEING MOVED TO LAOS IF PGNU CALLS THEM  
UP; (B) IF OTHER ROYAL LAOTIAN AIR FORCE PLANES ARE BROUGHT  
TO THAILAND BY FLEEING PILOTS, U.S. NOT RPT NOT ASSERT TITLE TO  
THEM OR SEEK TO PREVENT THEIR RETURN TO LAOS IF THAI ARE  
SO MINDED.

4. THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED.

5. DEPARTMENT PASS THIS MESSAGE TO SECDEF AND CINCPAC.

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